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2 **ABSTRACT**

3   Method and apparatus for extending functionality of a first set of classes and

4 methods in an application hosted by a computing arrangement. A mapping is established

5 that maps original class names in the first set to corresponding substitute class names of

6 classes in a second set. The classes in the second set change the functionality of the

7 classes in the first set. In response to loading a class file of a class in the first set, the

8 original class names are replaced with corresponding substitute class names in the class

9 file. Classes referenced by the substitute class names are then instantiated in lieu of

10 classes referenced by the original class names.